

Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historical Trail

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In 2006, a group of reenactors set out and walked the entire Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route to commemorate the 225th anniversary and spread the word about the Yorktown Campaign. One of the marchers, David Halloway (pictured above in his French uniform), recently passed and will always be remembered for his warmth and kind spirit. He will continue to serve as an inspiration to us all. [Click here for his obituary.](#)

Find Your Revolutionary Park

Each month we will be highlighting one of the many National Parks that share the story of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT. See the [Places to Go](#) section of the website to find your Revolutionary War park.

Saratoga National Historical Park

In the fall of 1777, American forces defeated and forced General Burgoyne's British army to surrender at the Battle of Saratoga. This crucial American victory renewed the patriots' hopes for independence and helped to secure foreign support. Within a few months of the battle, France declared an alliance with the United States.

More than 20,000 National Park Service employees help care for America's National Parks, Heritage Areas, Trails, Wild & Scenic Rivers, and other affiliated, related areas and programs. They work with communities across the nation to preserve natural resources and our shared cultural heritage and to create close-to-home recreational and educational opportunities.

FIND YOUR PARK

Join the National Park Service and the National Park Foundation as we kick off a nationwide campaign to celebrate the National Park Service Centennial.



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Bemis Heights at Saratoga National Historical Park.

NPS photo

Highlights of the Month

Eagle Scout James Brino Restores the Rochambeau Monument in Southington, CT





A big thanks to the effort and dedication of Eagle Scout James Brino who helped to restore the Rochambeau Monument on Marion Avenue in Southington, CT.

Canoemobile in the Delaware Valley

October 16, 2015



On October 16, at the Ridley Marina in Ridley Park PA, participating students from Chester, PA heard about the NHT from living historian Leon Brooks, who was being sponsored by W3R-US for the Canoemobile.

The Canoemobile crew delivered 13 days of programs along the Lower Delaware and its tributaries and engaged local youth and community members in

paddling experiences and watershed education.

[Check out the recap here!](#)

New Historic Marker in Downtown Westfield, New Jersey



Installation of the marker.

Photo credits: Sherry Cronin

A new historical marker from the Westfield Historical Society was installed in downtown Westfield, New Jersey. The marker commemorates the settlement of Westfield in 1720. The WHS plans to install more historical markers to tie in other historic sites and trails in the area, including the Washington-Rochambeau NHT.

W3R-US Board Meeting in Yorktown October 18, 2015

The W3R-US held a board meeting on October 18 in Yorktown, VA at the Colonial Visitor Center which Joe DiBello attended. This was during the weekend celebrating the 234th anniversary of the American-

French victory in 1781 over the British. It was marked by a variety of events October 17 and 18, with programs at the Yorktown Victory Center and Yorktown Battlefield. A patriotic parade and commemorative ceremony was held on Monday, October 19 – Yorktown Day – and Kym Hall and all the park staff there did a tremendous job in planning and supporting the event. For more information visit www.nps.gov/colo.

New Jersey Meeting

October 31, 2015



On Saturday October 31, 2015, W3R-NJ held its 8th annual History Forum Breakfast at the Nassau Club in Princeton NJ to discuss next steps regarding marking the NHT to promote history, heritage, travel and tourism.

In New Jersey, the route follows a series of roadways from the New York border south to Trenton. These roadways were the subject of an extensive study that documented the march of the various military units through New Jersey and identified routes, camp sites, communities, and 'witness' sites with remaining historic resources that were present at the time.

[Go here to see maps of the route in New Jersey.](#)

Upcoming Events

Siege Weekend at Fort Mifflin

November 14 & 15, 2015



Check out Fort Mifflin's flagship event as they commemorate the 1777 siege of the fort. It will be a full weekend of living history including four scripted battles, an interactive scavenger hunt and many unique demonstrations and activities. Find more information on siege weekend by visiting to their [website](#).

Jersey History & Historic Preservation Conference

June 8-9, 2016

A NJ Preservation conference will be held June 8-9, 2016 at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. Tom Ross, Superintendent of Morristown and Thomas Edison National Historic Parks, is organizing a session on the NPS Centennial and engaging new audiences and welcomes your suggestions, ideas and participation.

Call for session proposals are due by November 23, 2015. [Read the full Call for Sessions here.](#)

Additional Information

National Park Service Grants Available for Battlefield Preservation

The American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) of the National Park Service in Washington, DC, has opened its 2016 grants competition. The ABPP awards grants for preservation projects that lead to the permanent protection of endangered battlefield lands. Projects that involve multiple stakeholders are given preference. Non-profit groups, academic institutions, and local, regional, state, and tribal governments may apply. Eligible project types include, but are not limited to, site identification and documentation; planning and consensus building projects; and interpretation or education projects. All project applications must clearly demonstrate that the proposed activity will contribute directly to the preservation of battlefield land or an associated site. Grant funds may be used to procure professional services, equipment, and supplies

necessary to conduct the proposed project. Matching funds are not required, although applications that include matching funds and in-kind donations will be given preference. Applications must be received by January 14, 2016 by 4 pm, EST.

The 2016 guidelines and application form are available online at www.grants.gov (click on the "Search Grants Tab" along the top. Then search CDFA # 15.926 on the left) and www.nps.gov/abpp/grants/planninggrants.htm.

For more information about ABPP grants, or to receive paper copies of the guidelines and application, please contact Kristen McMasters, ABPP Grants Manager, at 202-354-2037 or Kristen_McMasters@nps.gov.

Read About the Revolution

The Museum of the American Revolution publishes *Read the Revolution*, a curated collection of excerpts from exciting, thought provoking books about the American Revolution. *Read the Revolution* is published biweekly to inspire learning about the history and its ongoing relevance. [Go here to browse through the archive and subscribe.](#)

The museum is expected to open in 2017 in Philadelphia and will tell the complete story of the American Revolution. To learn more about the museum's progress and plans, visit the [website](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.

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